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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH UM SIM, WHO CONFIRMED
PLAN TO CUT HIS MISSION FROM 6 TO 4, IN LINE WITH DESIRE
TO SAVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. AS DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE,
THIS IS A GOAL WHICH HAS LONG BEEN PRESSED BY THIS EMBASSY.

2. ON PROPOSED VISIT OF THE BONZES, THESE ARE TWO
ENGLISH-SPEAKING BUDDHISTS WITH WHOM UM SIM IS IN CONTACT
HERE. SOMEONE, UNSPECIFIED, CONCEIVED THE IDEA THAT
THEY MIGHT DO SOME GOOD IN HAWAII TALKING TO CO-RELIGIONISTS
THERE, EVEN TO EXTENT OF ATTRACTING MEDIA COVERAGE WHICH
WOULD REACH THE CONTINENTAL U.S. UM SIM POINTED OUT
THAT LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE ORIGINATES IN HAWAII,
IT IS RATHER THE REVERSE, AND THAT THERE ARE NOT ALL
THAT MANY BUDDHISTS IN HAWAII ITSELF. EMBOFF
SUGGESTED SEEKING COVERAGE BY ONE OF NETWORK CAMERA
CREWS NOW HERE OF A VISIT TO ONE OR TWO OF PHNOM PENH'S
PAGODAS HOUSING LARGE REFUGEE POPULATION, USING
ENGLISH-SPEAKING BONZES AS COLORFUL GUIDES, AND GIVING
THEM A CHANCE TO SLIP IN MESSAGE ABOUT KC TREATMENT OF
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BUDDHISTS ON OTHER SIDE. WE WILL EXPLORE POSSIBLE

INTEREST AMONG THOSE CAMERA CREWS IN TOWN.

3. MEANWHILE, FEEL THIS IS ABOUT AS FAR AS WE CAN GO
TO KILL THE HAWAII TRIP, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME. WE
HAVE MADE THE POINT.
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